Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Are the activities of the Health Department confined to such of the villages as are served by motor cars only?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—No, no.

Mr. T.A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—In answer to one of my previous questions it was stated that the Director of Public Health did not visit a single village that was not served by car. Now I ask how can they perform cinema shows in villages which are not served by cars?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Apart from these shows, several other useful things can be done by the department.

Mr. E. Ikkanda warriar.—Cannot the lorry be taken to a village and the people from the surrounding villages asked to assemble there to see the performance?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I think that can be done.

Mr.P. Krishna Menon.—May I know whether the amount of Rs.6,000 noted there is the cost of the lorry alone and whether it will include the engines and apparatus for the cinema?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.— I do not know exactly.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Have they the other things necessary for a cinema?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.— Yes. They have the Projector, etc. The Projector is a costly piece of apparatus. I think demonstrations are being conducted.

Mr. K. M Ibrahim.—How can the lorry intended for the villages be at Trichur now?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—His head quarters is at Trichur.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.— May I know from which company the lorry was purchased?

Rama Varmha Tampuran— I do not know.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—Is it a second hand lorry?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I do not know; I want notice.

Mr. P Kumaran Ezhuthassan— May I know, Sir, whether with regard to the distribution of the donation granted by His Highness for rural uplift, any scheme has been prepared by the Government?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Mr. Cherian Manjuran—arrest and conviction of.

166. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a copy of all the papers relating to the recent arrest, trial and conviction of Mr. Cherian Manjuran?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—The Police records are privileged documents and cannot, therefore, be placed on the table.

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Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.— What about the papers other than police ones?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon. — I request the Hon'ble Member to explain further.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.— I was asking about all the papers such as the Judgment, depositions of witnesses, and so many other papers. I was asking for all the papers.

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.— We thought it related to police records.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Did the Government think that it is a mistake?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.— They do not think it is a mistake. But they now think that it could have been interpreted in another way. I do not think that the answer we have given is wrong.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Is it not clear as anything?

Rama Varmha Tampuran. — During my five years' experience in this Council I have never come across any question where I was asked to produce court records in this Council.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.— What is meant by privileged documents?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon. — They are confidential papers.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Can I get a gist of those confidential papers? How are they confidential?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Under the rules these have been treated as privileged documents.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Under what rule?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.— Under the Evidence Act all police papers are privileged decuments.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.— May we know the exact section?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Under the Criminal Procedure Code the police papers referred to in the question are privileged documents.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—It is not the Police Diary that is asked for. We can understand that police diaries are privileged documents under the Evidence Act. But how can the other papers be privileged documents so far as this Council is concerned?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Every paper connected with a particular crime generally forms part of the Police Diary and as such they are privileged papers.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.— Suppose a report is sent by a constable regarding a particular speech. If it is incorporated

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in the Police Diary one can understand that. If not, how can it be claimed as a privileged document?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—That will be a report of a confidential nature since it comes from one officer to another officer. Under several sections of the Evidence Act privilege is granted to these papers. It depends upon several circumstances.

President.—I do not think we need go into a long discussion of the Evidence Act.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—It is difficult to understand that all police records are privileged documents. Of course we can understand that Police Diaries are privileged documents. A ruling of this nature will create a precedent and therefore we think that we must not allow it to go unchallenged. We do not think that the police papers in connection with the arrest, trial and conviction are privileged papers.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Are we to understand that all Police Diaries are privileged papers?

President.—All papers referred to in this particular question are privileged papers.

167. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to the conviction of Mr. Cherian Manjuran, will the Government be pleased to state whether it is their policy to punish a citizen for his opinions?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—No. Unless it is objectionable and constitutes an offence under the law.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know the offence committed by him?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Delivering seditious speeches.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know where exactly the sedition is located?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I have answered this question in another connection. The extracts are not in my possession now.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will you please place the extracts on the table?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—It will be considered.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Favourably or unfavourably?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Will be considered.

168. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government say whether in cases like that of Mr. Cherian Manjuran counter-propaganda through their expert orators and publications will not be a sufficient method of preserving their safety, peace and prestige?

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